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1. EVENING SEPTEMBER 27 PRIME MINISTER TOLD ME JORDAN RECEIVED A NEW MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SADAT. IT IT, SADAT AGAIN PLEDGED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ALEXANDRIA COMMUNIQUE, ASKED JORDAN TO DO NOTHING FURTHER TO WORSEN SITUATION AND STATED IT WAS EGYPT'S SOLE INTENT TO SEEK SOME AGREEMENT AT ARAB SUMMIT ON VARIOUS ROLES OF JORDAN AND PLO.

2. RIFAI HAS CALMED CONSIDERABLY SINCE HIS INITIAL IRATE REACTION AT SEPTEMBER 21ST COMMUNIQUE. APPARENTLY BOTH EGYPT AND SYRIA HAVE BEEN SENDING MESSAGES URGING HIM AND JORDANIANS TO STAY CALM AND TRY TO WORK WITH EGYPT WHICH IS GENUINELY SEEKING SOME SORT OF MODUS VIVENDI. THIS SEEMS IN OUR VIEW VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH KING'S ATTEMPT TO BUILD FLEXIBILITY INTO INITIAL "FREEZE" PROPOSAL.

3. WE HAVE HEARD FROM SOURCE VERY CLOSE TO PRIME MINISTER AND KING THAT BOTH OF THEM ARE PREPARING A POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY IN EVENT SUMMIT DECISION REJECTS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEST BANK. OVER PAST YEARS, APPARENTLY ISRAELIS HAVE

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ATTEMPTED TO BUILD UP A PUPPET ADMINISTRATION ON WEST BANK.

FIGURES SELECTED BY ISRAELIS FOR LEADERSHIP HAVE REPORTED ISRAELI APPROACHES TO TAKE PART IN ADMINISTRATION TO AMMAN AUTHORITIES AND HAVE RECEIVED A RESPONSE THAT IN NO WAY SHOULD THEY PARTICIPATE. THIS HAS BLOCKED ANY ISRAELI EFFORT TO CREATE SUCH AN ADMINISTRATION. NOW, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, JORDANIANS WOULD BE, FOLLOWING A SUMMIT REJECTION OF THEM, PREPARED TO ALLOW CREATION OF A WEST BANK AUTHORITY UNDER ISRAELIS WITH INTENT OF LATER NEGOTIATING FOR A FEDERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ISRAEL. THIS PLAN IGNORES PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD BE CREATED FOR JORDAN BY ARAB REACTIONS AND SOUNDS A LITTLE BIT HAIR-BRAINED, BUT IT IS DEFINITELY WITHIN THE RANGE OF THINKING GOING ON HERE IN AMMAN. PICKERING

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